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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)
D. Scott WILBUR, *et al.*)
U.S. Serial No.: 09/519,998) Examiner: L. Wells
Filed: March 6, 2000) Group Art Unit: 1617

Title: TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN ELECTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

A response to the Office Action of June 4, 2003 (Paper No. 20) is due by July 7, 2003 (July 4, 2003 being a Federal Holiday and July 5, 2003 being a Saturday). Hence, please accept this Response and Amendment as timely filed.

In response to Paper No. 20, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.